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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 928

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Targeted Case Managers, Department of Human Services
Service Workers and Case Managers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Prior Authorization of Selected Waiver Services

EFFECTIVE: September 1, 2010

The purpose of this letter is to explain Senate File 2088, Division XXXIV that requires the Department of Human Services to develop a mechanism that triggers a review of payments for services provided under an HCBS waiver that are in excess of the median amount for payments through the waiver. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has calculated the median costs of waiver service based on actual units of services utilized in FY 2009. The median cost information will be entered into ISIS and when service plans indicate costs of services over the median, the plan will require authorization before the services can be delivered. Criteria developed by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Medical Services and approved by the Department of Human Services will be used to evaluate the medical necessity of requests for services over the median. Case managers and service workers will need to provide justification for services and/or evidence that those services are meeting the member's needs in the most cost effective manner. Instructions will be provided by the IME to facilitate information exchange with case managers and service workers.

The following services will be included in the prior authorization process:

Consumer Choice Options	Consumer Directed Attendant Care
Home & Vehicle Modification	Interim Medical Monitoring & Treatment
Prevocational Services	Respite
Supported Community Living member (20 years of age or younger)	Specialized Medical Equipment
Environmental Modifications, Adaptive Devices	Family & Community Support Services
In-Home Family Therapy	

To assist with service plan development that meets the medical needs of waiver service members, the IME will disseminate information regarding the median triggers for services as well as the criteria to be used to review services that rise above the median.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Medical Services Unit at 1-800-383-1173, locally 515-256-4623. Additional information will be posted at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/HCBS/HCBSindex.html#search='HCBS'>